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Hongkong, January 15, 1897. 65

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For 'The Mercantile Bank of India,
Limited,'
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Manager, Hongkong.
For the 'Banque de l'Indo-Chine, Hong-
kong Agency,'
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For the 'Bank of China and Japan, Ltd.,'
HONGKONG.
CHANTREY INCHBALD,
Manager.
For the 'Yokohama Specie Bank, Ltd.,'
NAO. NABEKURA,
Agent.
Hongkong, January 20, 1897. 177

CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAY.
THE Undersigned INSURANCE
OFFICES will be CLOSED for the
Transaction of Public Business, on
TUESDAY, the 2nd February.
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Agents,
Yantai Insurance Association, Ltd.,
GEORGE L. TOMLIN,
Acting Secretary,
China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.,
Wm. JACOBSON,
General Agent,
The Straits Insurance Co., Ltd.,
Hongkong, January 28, 1897. 183

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Notice of Firm.
THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST-
MENT AND AGENCY COMPANY,
LIMITED.
DURING MY ABSENCE and until
further Notice Mr. MOWBRAY
STAFFORD NORTHGOTE has been
appointed Acting Secretary.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHELTON ROOPER,
Secretary.
Hongkong, January 26, 1897. 184

Intimations.
CUSTOMS NOTIFICATION.
No. 73.
THE CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLL-
DAYS will be observed at this Office
and the Kowloon Customs Stations from
the 28th of the 12th Moon to the 3rd day
of the 1st Moon (30th JANUARY to the 4th
FEBRUARY, both days inclusive), and during
that period all Shipments, Discharges, and
Examination of Cargo will be suspended.
H. M. HILLIER,
Commissioner of Customs for
Kowloon and District.
Overton House,
Kowloon, 25th January, 1897. 173

HONGKONG ICE COMPANY,
LIMITED.
THE Sixteenth Ordinary Annual
MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS
will be held at the Office of the Company
Adder's Street, at Noon on SATURDAY,
6th February, to receive the Statement of
the Company's Accounts to the 31st December,
1896, and the Report of the General
Managers.
The Transfer BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED on the 27th Instant to the
5th Proximo, both days inclusive.
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, January 26, 1897. 158

THE KOWLOON LAND & BUILDING
COMPANY, LIMITED.
NOTICE is hereby given that the Eight
Ordinary General MEETING of
SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the
Company's Office, Victoria Buildings, on
TUESDAY, the 9th February, 1897, at 12
o'clock (Noon), for the purpose of receiving
the Report of the Board of Directors,
together with a Statement of Accounts for
the Twelve Months ending the 31st Dec.,
1896.
The Transfer BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, the 29th
January to TUESDAY, the 9th Feb., 1897,
(both days inclusive), during which period
no Transfer of Shares can be Registered.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHELTON ROOPER,
Secretary, 22, Hongkong Land In-
vestment and Agency Co., Ltd.,
Agents for the Kowloon Land and
Building Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, January 18, 1897. 133

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.
THE Twenty-Eighth ORDINARY
MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS
in the Company will be held at the Com-
pany's Office, No. 3, Queen's Road Cen-
tral, Victoria, on MONDAY, the 19th
February, at Twelve o'clock Noon, for
the purpose of receiving a Statement of
Accounts and the Report of the Directors
for the year ending 31st December, 1896.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from the 1st to 15th
Instant, both days inclusive.
By Order,
GEO. L. TOMLIN,
Acting Secretary.
Hongkong, January 20, 1897. 170

THE DEVONIAN SOCIETY.
THE ANNUAL MEETING and
DINNER of the above Society will
be held at the Hongkong Club, on
WEDNESDAY, the 10th February.
Members of the Society desirous of
attending the Dinner are requested to
notify the undersigned on or before
SATURDAY, the 6th February.
R. K. LEIGH, Hon. Secretary,
Hongkong, January 20, 1897. 144

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION.
NOTICE is hereby given that the Or-
dinary Half-yearly MEETING of the
SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation
will be held at the City Hall, Hongkong,
on SATURDAY, the 13th day of February
Next, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving
the Report of the Court of Directors to-
gether with a Statement of Account to 31st
December, 1896.
By order of the Court of Directors,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, January 27, 1897. 182

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION.
NOTICE is hereby given that the RE-
GISTERS of SHARES of the
Corporation will be CLOSED from SATU-
RDAY, the 30th January Current, to
SATURDAY, the 13th day of February
Next, (both days inclusive), during which
period no Transfer of Shares can be
Registered.
By order of the Court of Directors,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, January 27, 1897. 180

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK
LIMITED—HONGKONG AGENCY.
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On Monday morning H. E. Wu Ting Fang, the Chinese Minister to the United States, Spain, and Peru, accompanied by his private secretary, and an official call on J. M. Sir William Robinson at Government House, and was received by the Governor, Mr. C. C. Platt, Private Secretary, and Hon. J. H. Stewart Lockhart, Colonial Secretary. The Governor, accompanied by his Private Secretary and the Colonial Secretary, returned the call on Tuesday morning at Idoway, where the Chinese Minister is at present residing.

Yesterday evening the hunting and other decorations on board the German men-of-war in port were superseded by illuminations on a magnificent scale. On the flagship Kaiser and the Iron monster electric light decorations in the design of the German Emperor's initial surmounted by the Imperial crown made a very effective display, while the masts and bulwarks of the *Arcona*, were outlined with Chinese lanterns. At the German Club the Kaiser's Birthday was celebrated in patriotic fashion.

We believe it is the intention of the Hon. H. Kai to proceed to the United States some time in March as Adviser and Secretary to H. E. Wu Ting Fang, the Chinese Minister in America. It is not yet known how long he will remain in America, the length of his stay depending entirely upon his liking for the post, but it is probable he will remain six months at least. During that period the Hon. H. Kai will be on leave from his duties as a member of the Legislative Council, but if at the end of six months it is still his intention to remain in his new appointment he will resign his membership of the Council.

REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE CHINA MAIL.]

LONDON, 28th January, 1897.
RUSSIA AND THE PLAGUE IN INDIA.

Russia has declared the whole of India to be infected with the plague.

ITALY IN AFRICA.

Ras Alula is raiding the Southern frontier of Abyssinia. King Menelik has refused to release the remaining Italian prisoners, until the evacuation of Abyssinia from Italian hands is completed. It is not doubted that the turn of events will contribute to decide the Italians to abandon Africa altogether.

WEATHER NOTICE.

The following notice is issued from the Observatory:—

On the 28th at 11.25 a.m. this barometer has risen to the North, India to the East, and the coast of China. Pressure remains low over S. China and the Gulf of Tongking. Gradients slight, but increasing. Forecast: S.E. backing to E. winds, moderate to fresh; changeable, probably more rain.

FOOTBALL.

SHIELD COMPETITION (HONGKONG F. C. v. B.L.S. 'CENTURION').
This tie, which resulted in a draw when the teams met on Thursday, the 21st inst., was replayed at the Happy Valley this afternoon. Centurion, 2 goals; Hongkong F. C., 0 goals.

A COMPANY, W. Y. B. K. KOWLOON F. C.
Played at the Happy Valley yesterday. Kowloon were without three of their regular players. Result—A Company, 2 goals; Kowloon, 1 goal.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.
The following is the sixty-third Report of the Court of Directors to the ordinary half-yearly general meeting of shareholders, to be held at the City Hall, Hongkong, on Saturday, the 15th February, 1897, at noon:—

To the Proprietors of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.
Gentlemen,—The Directors have now to submit to you a General Statement of the affairs of the Bank, and Balance Sheet for the half-year ending 31st December, 1896.

The net profits for that period, including \$800,134.08, balance brought forward from last account, after paying all charges, deducting interest paid and due, and making provision for bad and doubtful accounts, amount to \$1,761,136.75.

The Directors recommend the transfer of \$500,000 from the Profit and Loss Account to credit of Reserve Fund, which Fund will then stand at \$3,500,000.

After making this transfer and deducting remuneration to Directors, there remains for appropriation \$1,261,136.75, out of which the Directors recommend a Dividend of One Pound and Five Shillings per Share, which will absorb \$444,444.44.

The difference in Exchange between 4/6, the rate at which the Dividend is declared, and 2/11/6, the rate of the day, amounts to \$501,568.36.

The Balance \$300,323.95 to be carried to New Profit and Loss Account.
Directors.—Mr. St. C. Michaelson has been elected Chairman for the year 1897, and the Hon. J. J. Bell-Irving Deputy Chairman.

Mr. J. Kramer having resigned on leaving the Colony, Mr. O. Bourmann has been elected in his stead. Mr. R. L. Richardson has been invited to join the Board: these two appointments require confirmation at this meeting.

Mr. N. A. Sloba and Hon. J. J. Bell-Irving, retired in rotation and being eligible for re-election offer themselves accordingly.
Auditors.—The accounts have been audited by Mr. F. Henderson and Mr. C. S. Sharp. Mr. F. Henderson and C. S. Sharp both offer themselves for re-election. The latter has been acting in the place of Mr. B. G. Bird who is absent from the Colony.
A. McCORACH, Chairman.

Hongkong, 28th Jan. 1897.

REVENUE SPEAKING JET has now received from China 241 million pounds sterling, and about 11 million pounds have been already disbursed abroad or brought to Japan. The balance is on deposit in London (mainly) and in Berlin.—*Agence Havas.*

SPORTING GOSSIP.

'DAYBREAK,' in *Sport and Gossip*, endeavours to account for the wretched form of the Hongkong subscription griffin of this season. 'They want a lot of explaining away. Here is what 'Daybreak' has to say:—'In the Hongkong papers I have noticed some remarks as to the subscription griffin being a poor lot, and *Sport and Gossip's* telegram last week confirms it. How anything else can be expected I fail to see. The price paid for the ponies laid down in Hongkong was \$150 each, and in all forty were sent; that means laying out about sixty to fill the order, even though they only had to do the three-quarters of a mile in 1.40 to pass. And then to lay the ponies down in Hongkong, there has to be deducted from the \$150 per pony the freight down, cost of mares there and back, horse-boxes and a halter for each pony, handbags, &c., and food; so from what we have known of the cost of ponies during this autumn, with the accent on the Autumn, it is difficult to see how Hongkong sportsmen can expect to get racehorses for the money, and there certainly cannot possibly be even 'a little bit of sugar for the bird,' or, in other words, for those who have the order in hand!'

There, Hongkong sportsmen, that is why your subscription griffin are such a poor lot this season—with a heavy account on 'poor lot this season!'

'I am glad to see *Standard*, last year's Hongkong Derby winner, once again on his legs,' writes *Daybreak*, 'and trust that his cure this time may be permanent. During the last week, he has been doing "rilly-wally" right on the Course. That is a real good un there can be no doubt, and I hope he will stand a thorough preparation and give us a taste of his quality at our Spring Meeting.'

Our enterprising Shanghai contemporary publishes the 'pewing' times of the Hongkong ponies in tabulated form, together with tracing notes by 'Shifter.'

This correspondent intimates that when the entries closed on the 16th January, there was a falling-off of some \$1,600, due to one of the entries on subscription griffin being absolutely no use and unfit to enter. 'There are about ten of these ponies that even now, after a month's training, cannot do three-quarters of a mile inside two minutes, and they look more like Municipal garbage cart drivers than race ponies. But what can Hongkong sportsmen expect after *Daybreak's* explanation. 'Shifter' remarks: 'There are about five opportunities offering for backing the Derby ponies for 1897, Mexicans, and these all make Gallic favourites at 4 to 1. Mr. Moly's stable has been given up to 1, Mr. Lewis' three candidates have been supported at 20 to 1, and these latter odds have also been taken at *Goodwill* and *Glenmore*. There is one place-betting book which also being well supported. Mr. Gillis' favourite being placed on even money chance. Both courses are in splendid condition, and with the exception of one stable we are wonderfully free from lameness; there will probably be more, however, as we approach the lotteries.'

This latter phrase is significant of much.

Yesterday morning, the course was very busy, and a lot of work was done by the entrants for the approaching Race Meeting. The winner of the *St. John's* was *St. John's*, which is one of the best of the stable. He got over the mile and a quarter in 3.10.3. *Tecum* 'pew' a mile in 2.16. The Ansoy pony *Rocked* did a mile and a quarter in 2.51, and Mr. Lewis' *Sport* did the mile in 2.18. *St. John's* was the stable, went out, but as he finished in a screwed-up condition he does not promise to take first rank. Mr. Dinning's *Blue-fire* showed fairly good form. His time for the mile and a half was 3.36. Mr. John Peck's *Derby* griffin, *Red Fish* and his subscription griffin *Pollock* were mile together in 2.21. Mr. Bourmann's *Lordship* did a very fine mile in 2.13. Mr. Moly's old pony *Surprise* was out, but did not exhibit very much form over the mile and a half.

SPECTATOR.

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In the new Japanese Budget, wherein revenue and expenditure are nearly balanced at 230 million yen, there is an increase on the last one of 49 million under the former and of 56 million under the latter heading. The Ordinary revenue shows an upward tendency, and in regard to Expenditure there is good prospect of its becoming self-supporting.—*Hogo News.*

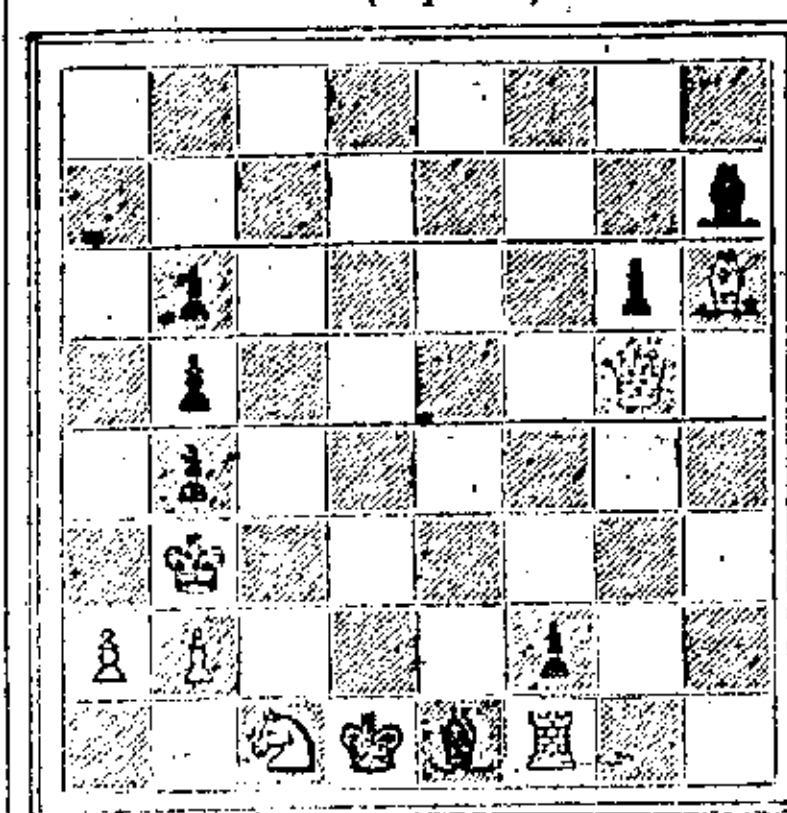
The Shanghai fire brigade was called on the 23rd Jan. to attend to an outbreak of fire on the premises of Messrs D. Sassoon, Sons & Co. on the Bund. It was found on the arrival of the firemen that the fire had broken out in the compressor's room, but had fortunately been extinguished before the brigade had time to arrive on the spot. The damage done was very slight.—*N.C. Daily News.*

The London Times, sees no obstacles in the way of the United States creating a great mercantile marine, but the cost of production of ships. It is quite evident that the writer who expressed this opinion has not studied his subject very closely or he would not have made the blunder of assuming that the cost of production of ships is the great hindrance to the growth of an American ocean carrying trade. We may not be able to produce ships quite so cheaply as they do in England, but the difference in the cost of vessels would not be large enough to hinder the success of American ocean carriers if everything else was all right. Our troubles really begin when the ship is put in commission. American wages are higher and later has been made of similar vessels are more expensive than those of the English or of Continental peoples. These, however, can be easily offset by a trifling differential duty, and the sentiment in favor of such a course is constantly growing. The Republican Convention at St. Louis declared for it, and the people generally accept the idea as the right one, but only antagonists have free traders who think that no service can be as well performed by Americans for themselves as it can be rendered for them by foreigners.—*San Francisco Chronicle.*

CHESS COLUMN.

CONDUCTED BY 'BLACK BISHOP.'
Communications should be addressed, 'CHIEF, CHINA MAIL OFFICE.'
Original Problems should be accompanied by Solution and Analysis.
The Hongkong Chess Club meets every Monday, Thursday and Friday from 8 to 11 half-past seven p.m. at Thomas's Grill Room.

Problem No. 28.
By W. A. SHEPHERD.
Black (8 pieces).



White (7 pieces).
Solution to Problem No. 26, by J. T. Andrews.

1. R-Q4! KxR 2. Q-R2
Then if:
1. Kt-Q6 moves 2. K-B5
1. Kt-Q4 moves 2. Q-Q4
1. P-R4 2. K-Q5
1. PxP 2. K-Q2

Correct solutions from M. Myer, I. A. L., and T. H. R.
Hongkong, Jan. 28.

The following are the results in the Chess Tourney at the Club so far as it has proceeded:—

First round—O'Gorman beat Levi, Pollock beat Barlow, Pidgeon beat de Souza, Danenberg a bye.

Second round—Levi beat Barlow, O'Gorman beat Pidgeon, de Souza beat Danenberg, Pollock a bye.

In the third round Barlow has beaten Pidgeon, Pollock has beaten Levi, and Danenberg and O'Gorman drawn. The draw for the fourth round is: Barlow v. Danenberg, Pollock v. Pidgeon, de Souza v. O'Gorman, Levi a bye.

Those desirous of playing for or against Kowloon should not omit to be at the Club room to-morrow (Friday) at 5.15, and on Monday evening next at the same hour. So far only two pairs have come forward, as it seems to be nobody's business to collect a team, and those who should have undertaken the work are engaged in the tourney. I would urge all who are willing to take part in this match to communicate at once with Mr. Pollock.

I subjoin the Club programme for February:—

Friday, Feb. 12. Smokers v. Non-smokers. Single game match at class odds. Notice should be given to the Secretary before the date.

Monday Feb. 22, Friday Feb. 26 and Monday March 1. Seven of Portugal against the World. Best of three games. No class odds. Usual conditions.

Problem No. 27, a fine specimen of the Bohemian school, seems to be giving solvers a considerable amount of trouble. The mates are numerous and beautiful and the problem is certainly not cooked, as two correspondents by their so-called solutions would seem to suggest. The solution will appear next week, and will be a surprise and a delight to all who care to re-examine the position.

The Kobe Chess Club continues its house-to-house meetings and the playing off of tournament games. They have offered to play a couple of games simultaneously with telegraph with Mr. Jordan, Nagasaki, Kobe being represented by a playing committee of five to meet daily. I am pleased to see Chess notes now appearing in the *Kobe Chronicle*, and trust that soon there will be a fourth chess column in the Far East.

A chess celebration of the Queen's recent reign will be held in London next June in the form of a Ladies' International Tournament. The contest is being arranged by the Metropolitan Ladies' Chess Club which is now a large and influential body. Sir George Newnes has offered £20 as the first prize, and five other prizes will range from £50 to £15.

The Birmingham Daily Post has followed the example of the leading London dailies by the inclusion of a chess column and the local Old recalls a good story of an attempt made some years ago to induce the Post to devote space to chess. A deputa-tion waited on the editor to request the inclusion of a weekly column to their favorite pastime. The editor seemed willing to grant their request and the deputa-tion were congratulating themselves on the success of their mission when it occurred to them to ask what advantage might accrue to the Post from the appearance of such a column in its pages. 'Oh, my dear sir,' replied the Secretary of the Club, with consummate coolness, 'it will raise the tone of your paper.' That settled it. A gentleman offered to place the paper on the right side of the street, but the paper had already attained put an end to the interview.

'Black' can hold its own against 'White' over the chessboard, the cool unimpaired nature of the Natives of India particularly fitting them for the royal game. The 'castles' in India adopt slightly different rules, these differing from the English or the Mohammedan and Hindoo custom. The king is always placed on the right side, opposing kings and queens do not face each other, which alters the openings considerably. The pawns, when commencing, only move one square at a time, and arriving at their eighth square become queen, bishop, or knight, according to the square they fall upon; but only one queen, two rooks, two bishops, or two knights are allowed on the board at one time. A pawn cannot take en passant. No castling is allowed, but the king is allowed once in a game to move as a knight, and to get the 'castled' position. The king moves to a square.

then R to B sq, and then the king by a knight's move, goes to Kt sq. The Indian strategy, whether as first or second player, is invariably the *fianchetto*. The players secure their defence with the knight and then advance all the attack on the other flank. The natives are very keen chess-players, and throughout a game they keep cool and collected. They are always ready for a game, and carry with them wooden pocket-handkerchiefs in a sort of canvas bag on which the squares are marked on it. This they lay on the ground and they are at once ready for action.

Last week, I gave three games from Chess Sparks, and follow them up with three more:—

Game No. 72.
SCOTCH GAMBIT.
Remove White's Q Kt.
White (P. Morphy). Black (F. Parrin).
1. P-K4 P-K4
2. Kt-K3 B-K3
3. P-Q4 P-Q4
4. B-Q4 B-B4
5. Castles P-Q3
6. P-Q K4 B-K3
7. P-K5 Kt-K4
8. Kt-Kt P-Kt
9. P-K4 P-Kt
10. K-R sq K-Q5
11. B-P ch KxP
12. P-P ch K-K sq
13. Q-B3 Kt-K2
14. Q-B7 ch Kt-Q sq
15. P-K5 Q-K5
16. Q-Q Kt
17. R-P ch B-Q2
And White mates in two moves.

Game No. 73.
(Credited to Dr. R. Lohr.)
—VIENNA OPENING.
White (The Young Student). Black (The Master).
1. P-K4 P-K4
2. Kt-K3 B-K3
3. P-Q3 Kt-K3
4. P-Kt5 P-Kt5
5. Kt-P ch Kt-Kt
6. B-P ch B-Kt5
7. K-K2 B-Kt5
8. K-K sq B-Kt5
9. Q-Q B-Kt5
10. Q-Kt5 B-Kt5
11. Q-B7 ch Kt-P mate.
(c) If 12 P-Kt Kt-P mate.

Game No. 74.
TARAZ KNIGHTS GAMBIT.
White (Pollock). Black (Hall).
1. P-K4 P-K4
2. Kt-K3 B-K3
3. Kt-B3 Kt-K3
4. B-B4 P-Q3
5. Castles P-Q3
6. Kt-Q5 B-K3
7. P-Q3 Kt-K2
8. Kt-KP B-P
9. Kt-Kt ch P-Kt
10. B-P ch K-B sq
11. B-P ch K-B sq
12. B-R6 mate.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET.

Messrs Benjamin, Kelly and Potts, in their weekly share report, dated Hongkong, 27th January, write:—

Since our last circular a decided improvement has to be recorded in the market, and rates for nearly all stocks show a considerable advance on the previous week's quotations.

Banks.—Hongkong and Shanghai Banks remain quiet, and only small sales at 184 and 185 per cent. premium have been effected. The latest quotation from London is 243. Nationals are wanted at 226 to 228, but are not obtainable.

Marine Insurances.—All stocks under this heading have been in favour and a fairly sharp rise in rates has been recorded. China Trade has been placed at \$76 and \$77 and continues in demand. Yangtze have improved considerably and sales at \$160 have been effected. Canons have hardened and have been done at \$180. Fire Insurances.—Both Hongkong and China Firms have ruled very firm and have been taken off the market at \$372 and \$106 respectively. On time a fair business has been done at equivalent rates. It is rumoured on the market that the former Company will pay 60 per share, which, with \$3 already paid, will make \$63 for the year, a most satisfactory result.

Shipping.—Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboats have again come into favour and have been sold at \$38 and \$34 closing steady. Indo-China have advanced to \$45. China Mail has been sold at \$84, with sales, and Manila are in demand at \$88, but no shares appear to be obtainable. Douglas shares have stiffened and are wanted at \$61.

Refineries.—China Sugars have been placed at \$140 and \$141, at the close the market is slightly easier and shares are offering at \$130, but the demand for refined sugar shows no sign of abating, the weakness is probably only temporary. Luzons have, for some unknown reason, possibly owing to short sales, been in strong demand, with the result that sales have been effected at rates between \$47 and \$53, the market closing with sellers at \$54.

Mining.—Punjab have remained rather flat, with only small sales at \$102 and \$104. Rauts have improved considerably and sales have been made at \$10, \$104, \$11 and \$111, closing with buyers at the latter rate. Olivers and Balmors remain unchanged.

Docks, Wharves and Godowns.—Hongkong Land, Wharves, Docks have experienced a sharp rise, and after sales at \$22 and 224 per cent premium have been done at 225 and 228 per cent premium and close in demand. For March sales have been effected at 221 per cent premium. Kowloon Wharves have been sold at \$89 and close steady.

Loans, Hotels and Buildings.—Hongkong Land, Wharves and sales were effected at \$80 and \$81, but they have since suffered a slight reaction and have been sold at \$77 and the dividend of 22 per share and are still obtainable. West Point have been taken off the market at \$110 or dividend of 20 cents per share, and close steady. Hongkong Hotels have been negotiated at \$34 and are still required for Humphreys' Estate have found ready buyers at \$91.

Miscellaneous.—Green Islands have been fixed at \$20 and are wanted at the rate. A. S. Watsons are wanted at \$128. Ropes have improved still further and sales at \$105 and for March at \$107 have been made. Fireworks are wanted at \$32. Ewes are required for at \$12 but none appear to be obtainable. Tea have suffered and can be placed at \$112. Electric have been done in small parcels at \$7 and close steady.

THE YOKOHAMA POISONING CASE.

THE DEFENCE OF MRS CAREW.
(Special Telegram from Our Own Correspondent.)

Kobe, January 27.
Mr J. I. Lowder, counsel for Mrs Carew, has concluded a powerful speech on her behalf in opening the case for the defence.

Twenty-one witnesses will be called for the defence, which opened on Monday.

THE AUTHORSHIP OF THE 'A.L.' LETTERS.

As stated in our telegraphic summary of Monday's proceedings in the trial of Mrs Carew, Mr Wilkinson, the Crown Prosecutor, wished to admit some new evidence to which Mr Lowder objected. The evidence, it seems, was documentary, and the question as to whether it should be admitted was reserved until his Lordship had considered the precedents. Mr Lowder said he did not object to evidence being given of the mere receipt of a letter, so long as the letter was not shown to the Judge or jury.

Sir Ernest Satow, H.B.M.'s Minister, was then sworn and deposed to receiving an envelope handed to him by counsel. He opened the envelope when he received it, and it contained a letter from Mrs Carew to Mr Lowder. He was not acquainted with any person bearing the name on the letter. (The name was not mentioned).

Mr Wilkinson next proposed to call Mrs Lowder. He had given notice to Mr Lowder, and Mr Lowder had not objected to her being called. Mr Lowder then wished to call Mr Mason, an instructor in English at the Higher Middle School in Tokyo, as an expert in handwriting.

Mr Lowder raised an objection, but after questioning the witness, his Lordship decided that Mr Mason was fully qualified to pronounce an opinion on handwriting. Mr Dunlop gave evidence as to receiving from Mrs Carew some fragments of Mr Dickinson's letters.

Mr Cecil Guinness, Acting Accountant at the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, was called to give evidence as to the accused's handwriting. Witness was shown Mrs Carew's handwriting and said he recognized her signature in it. He said the signature in the diary—Edith M. H. Carew—was not her official signature which was E. M. H. Carew, but the rest he should say was the same handwriting.

Mr Wilkinson then put in the diary and two letters written by Mrs Carew to Miss Jacob, which witness said bore the same signature. Mr Mason was then recalled and deposed to examining specimens of the handwriting of Mrs Carew, Miss Jacob and Miss Christoloff.

Mr Wilkinson—Looking at these letters, can you tell us, Mr Mason, what peculiarities there are in accused handwriting?—May I look at my notes?—His Lordship—Yes.

Witness.—This, I presume, refers to Mrs Carew's handwriting alone?—Mr Wilkinson—What is admitted to be her handwriting alone?—Yes.

Witness—Amongst the capitals the most characteristic is P, D, N, R, H, and T. The small letters are—Especially characteristic of Mrs. Carew's handwriting in the small letters are a, b, d, initial, and d, final, in various forms; initial, b, initial—that is all.

Then I should like to add specimen—the initial in the form of the Greek letter. Is that all you wish to say in regard to the small letters?—I have reference in my notes to two other exhibits, but these are not before me.

The question of punctuation?—Mrs Carew's punctuation is extremely characteristic; it consists of nothing but periods—full stops—or marks scarcely distinguishable from full stops, and short dashes. Occasional quotation marks occur—and points of interrogation.

And any other peculiarities?—The other peculiarities are in groups or combinations—the initial followed by an a, is almost invariably written in the same manner—I mean initial h, in words the, this, that. That next is the word o'clock, which is invariably written out in the whole series of A.L. letters. The a I have pointed out in shopping is very marked; I did not find it very marked in any other writing submitted to me.

Before the Court rose, the jury were given a photograph of each of the letters so far gone through—Condemned from the *Japan Mail* by the *Kobe Chronicle*.

Many examples; how is number made?—Number is written as followed by colon—last year, present year, and that is the two decimals are not put under the dots as in the usual way.

They were written by Miss Jacob—I have come to the conclusion that they were not. Can you give any general grounds for that opinion?—I cannot find any of the characteristics of Miss Jacob's handwriting, except the letter v—which is occasionally formed as she forms it.

Are you able to form an opinion whether they were written by Mrs Carew?—I find none of the characteristics of Mrs Carew's handwriting in them.

Can you state what they are?—I shall have to go through them again. Well, in No. 38, several words are very well written. One of the words 'never' contains the Greek o once. The initial 'a' in 'stay,' 'some,' resembles Mrs Carew's. The small letter h, in Yokohama. The d of 'could,' 'find,' and the small 'a' generally, although I do not attach much importance to them.

Would you look at the upper story, is it initiated in any way?—I should consider it to be naturally written.

Of these handwriting is it characteristic?—It is more characteristic of Mrs Carew's than any I have seen.

Can you refer to any other 'never'?—Yes, there is one in the diary, I think. I have a note of another 'never.'

You say these d's are characteristic of Mrs Carew's, are they characteristic of Miss Jacob's?—No, they differ from the last named in being turned up; are slightly looped up—turned up. Mrs Carew's d ends abruptly. Her diary is full of such examples—on the 4th September, in the word 'will,' for instance. The d is the same.

Will you point out some other examples?—Here is 'd' in the word 'find.' I find the same characteristics in all the A.L. series.

Is there any other characteristic of Mrs Carew's handwriting?—There is in 'my' and 'some.' Then there are special d and s used in the words 'bad cold' and 'the s in shopping' in the diary of October 19.

You have looked at the diary and the letters, do these d's occur so frequently as to be a marked characteristic of Mrs Carew's?—Yes.

And you found them throughout the A.L. letters?—Yes.

In what other letters?—In exhibit P—the s only.

Any other?—The word 'silly' in the letter addressed to Mr Lowder, 'I never knew you,' etc.

His Lordship suggested that the process of examination was very slow, would it not be better to leave those things as the jury find out, now that the general characteristics had been pointed out?

Mr Wilkinson—I must regret the delay. It is no pleasure to me to continue this examination, I can assure you. But I shall not consider that I have done my duty unless I proceed in this way.

His Lordship—I did not say delay, but we are proceeding very slowly, and where shall we end?

Photographs of some of the letters were here handed to the jury, and the examination proceeded, letter by letter, the d's, etc., as in the letter to Mr Lowder; the Greek e's, being pointed out. Of course, witness said, there were exceptions in the writing of some of the letters. There were only two commas in the letter to Mr Lowder, and all the rest are full stops.

The letter to Mr Hall, how does that begin?—'I have just written.'

Will you point out the characteristics?—The h in 'have,' the s of 'so,' the Greek e of 'earth'—I have a d of the jury. There are full stops only in this letter. In accused's general letters and in the diary there are the same mistakes of punctuation as in this A.L. letter—a full stop where one would not expect to find one. After Sun of Sunday there is a full stop instead of a hyphen. Then there are full points after the figures—but here they are quite logical. I took a special note of the d's being turned down because they were not apparent in any other handwriting shown me. I consider it a characteristic of which a writer may probably be unconscious. I have only selected those characteristics which I consider the writer unconscious of. There are characteristics in handwritings of which the writers are perfectly aware. These special characteristics I have spoken of are those of which the writer is unconscious. Their very marked features lead me to this opinion. There is a marked f in these letters, and the f of Miss Jacob. I think the writer of them must be aware of it. I rather looked for small peculiarities than big characteristics of the whole series of A.L. letters. The a I have pointed out in shopping is very marked; I did not find it very marked in any other writing submitted to me.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE AT TIENTSIN.

Tientsin, Jan. 13.
A great fire broke out in the British Concession on the early morning of the 12th January, when the large blocks of premises formerly known as Collins's store and show-rooms, but recently occupied by the Tientsin Trading Company and by Messrs Arnold, Karberg & Co. were completely burnt out.

The fire was most imposing affair as a spectacle, and of course a profound impression on the community, which turned out almost en masse to see it. There was hardly no loss of life and it is generally understood that the buildings and goods are fairly well covered by insurance. The fire began in a little out-house at the S. E. corner of the main building, near the gate giving entrance from Victoria Road. The smoke awoke the European residents in the upper stories, who made a successful but none too speedy exit to the wooden stairs at each end of the building, before the flames had got the complete possession.

Mr and Mrs A. Newcombe, Mr F. H. Clarke, of the Trading Company, and Mr Crofts, of Messrs Arnold, Karberg & Co., were on the premises, but beyond the very serious injuries to their property, and loss of their warehouses and stored effects (in one case uninsured) are none the worse for their existing experience. Messrs Arnold, Karberg and Co.'s agent, Mr Nielsen, lives in the house adjoining the South side, and he has set the fire on fire and smokes and frames on fire and for a time it was just enough to go with this building, but a strong landing party from the *Lionel* made its appearance and under the energetic orders of Captain Sparkes these flames were put out and the building was left a mass of ruins.</

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H. A. RITCHIE,
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Hongkong, January 25, 1897. 170

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A. S. WATSON & Co., Hongkong.
Hongkong, August 22, 1896. 1702

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Shipping.

Steamers.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW.
The Co.'s Steamship
Hailong,
Captain Davies, will be
despatched for the above
Port TO-MORROW, the 29th Instant, at
Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LARPAIK & Co.,
General Managers,
Hongkong, January 28, 1897. 191

FOR SHANGHAI.
The Steamship
Loongmoon,
Captain F. Schult, will be
despatched for the above
Port on SATURDAY, the 30th Inst.,
at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
SIEMSEN & Co.,
Agents,
Hongkong, January 27, 1897. 185

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR PORT DARWIN, QUEENSLAND
PORTS, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE.

The Co.'s Steamship
Chingha,
Captain Williams, will be
despatched on MON-
DAY, the 1st February, at 4 p.m.
The attention of Passengers is directed
to the Superior Accommodation offered
by this Steamer. First-class Saloon
is situated forward of the Engines.
A Refrigerating Chamber ensures the
supply of Fresh Provisions during the
entire voyage. A duly-qualified Surgeon
is carried, and the Vessel is fitted through-
out with Electric Light.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents,
Hongkong, January 25, 1897. 162

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL.
The Co.'s Steamship
Myrmidon,
Captain Gaxiola, will be
despatched as above on
WEDNESDAY, the 2nd February.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents,
Hongkong, January 27, 1897. 124

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.
JAPAN-EUROPE LINE.
MONTHLY SERVICE.

FOR SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, PORT
SAID, MARSEILLES, LONDON,
AND ANTWERP.

The Co.'s Chartered S.S.
Strathgairn,
Captain McKENZIE, will be
despatched as above
on SATURDAY, the 5th February, at 5
p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA,
Agents,
Hongkong, January 14, 1897. 110

FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.
The Steamship
Port Adelaide,
will be despatched for the
above Ports on or about
5th February, 1897.

S. S. *Enrygia*, to sail about 22nd Feb., 1897.
S. S. *Strathgairn*, to sail about 7th March,
1897.
S. S. *Macduff*, to sail about 22nd March,
1897.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents,
Hongkong, January 22, 1897. 2602

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR PORT DARWIN, QUEENSLAND
PORTS, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE.

The Co.'s Steamship
Chingha,
Captain Williams, will be
despatched on SATUR-
DAY, the 13th February, at 3 p.m.

The attention of Passengers is directed
to the Superior Accommodation offered
by this Steamer. First-class Saloon
is situated forward of the Engines.
A Refrigerating Chamber ensures the
supply of Fresh Provisions during the
entire voyage. A duly-qualified Surgeon
is carried, and the Vessel is fitted through-
out with Electric Light.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents,
Hongkong, January 27, 1897. 194

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL.
The Co.'s Steamship
Tasmania,
Captain HANNAH, will be
despatched as above
on SATURDAY, the 13th February.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents,
Hongkong, January 27, 1897. 193

THE OREGON RAILWAY AND
NAVIGATION COMPANY'S
PACIFIC STEAMSHIP LINE.

CHINA AND JAPAN.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG, 1897.
(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)
Momonohiro [Saturday] 13th February.
TAKING PASSENGERS AND CARGO FOR UNITED
STATES AND CANADA AT THROUGH RATES.

The Steamship
Momonohiro,
will be despatched hence
for VICTORIA, B.C.,
and PORTLAND, OREGON, via KOBÉ
and YOKOHAMA, on SATURDAY, the
13th February.

Consular Invoice of Goods for United
States Points should be in Quadruplicate,
and one Copy must be sent forward by the
Steamer to the care of the GENERAL
FREIGHT & CARGO, OREGON RAILWAY AND
NAVIGATION CO., Portland, Oregon.
For further information as to Passage and
Freight, apply to
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
Agents,
Hongkong, January 24, 1897. 195

Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR SINGAPORE, MARSEILLES,
HAYRE AND HAMBURG.

(Calling at NAPLES for landing Passengers
if sufficient inducement offers.)
Taking Cargo at through rates to
ANTWERP, AMSTERDAM, ROTTER-
DAM, LONDON, LONDON, LONDON,
LIVERPOOL AND BREMEN.

The Steamship
Sarda,
Captain Voss, will be
despatched for the above
Ports on SATURDAY, the 6th February,
at 5 p.m.

This Steamer has superior Accommoda-
tion for First and Second Class Passengers
and carries a Doctor and a Stewardess.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
SIEMSEN & Co.,
Agents,
Hongkong, January 26, 1897. 178

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.
JAPAN-AUSTRALIAN LINE.
MONTHLY SERVICE.

(Under Mail Contract.)

FOR THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNS-
VILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY
AND MELBOURNE.

The Co.'s Steamship
Omura,
Capt. C. Young, will be
despatched for the above
Ports on TUESDAY, the 16th February, at
4 p.m.

This Steamer is fitted with Superior
Passenger Accommodation and is lighted
by Electricity throughout. A duly-qualified
Doctor is carried.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA,
Agents,
Hongkong, January 27, 1897. 185

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.
JAPAN-BOMBAY-LINE.
MONTHLY SERVICE.

(Under Mail Contract.)

FOR SINGAPORE, COLOMBO AND
BOMBAY.

(Calling at TUTUCORIN on the Homeward
Voyage.)
The Co.'s Steamship
Mikura Maru,
Capt. P. H. Gono, will be
despatched as above
on WEDNESDAY, the 17th February, at
Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA,
Agents,
Hongkong, January 27, 1897. 187

Sailing Vessels.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.
The 100 A.T. Iron 4-mast
British barque
Mottara,
Captain J. Williams, will soon
be ready to load for the above Port and will
have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
MELOHERS & Co.,
Agents,
Hongkong, November 28, 1896. 2399

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.
The British barque
Stobbe,
Master, will load
here for the above Port, and
will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
Agents,
Hongkong, December 7, 1896. 2471

Mails.

NORTHERN PACIFIC
STEAMSHIP AND RAILWAY
COMPANIES.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN.

THE attention of Passengers is directed
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Scenery of the ROCKY and CASCADE MOUNTAINS.
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route. Passengers to EUROPE may proceed
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LINERS.

HONGKONG TO TACOMA, \$225.
Rates of Passage to other Points on ap-
plication.

Special rates allowed to members of Go-
vernment Service.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)
Braemar [] 3,601 Tuesday [] Feb. 8.
Tacoma [] 2,549 Tuesday [] Mar. 2.
Victoria [] 3,107 Tuesday [] Mar. 23.
Olympia [] 2,608 Tuesday [] April 13.
Braemar [] 3,601 Tuesday [] May 4.

THE Steamship BRAEMAR, Captain
PORTER, sailing at Noon, on
TUESDAY, 2nd February, will
proceed to VICTORIA (B.C.) and
TACOMA (Wash.) via SHANGHAI,
KOBÉ and YOKOHAMA.

Through Bills of Lading issued to Japan,
Pacific Coast Points, and to Canadian and
United States Ports.

Consular Invoices of Goods for United
States Points should be in quadruplicate,
and one copy must be sent forward by the
Steamer to the care of the Freight Agent,
Northern Pacific Railroad, Tacoma, Wash.
Freights must be sent to our Office (with
address marked in full) by 5 p.m., on the
day previous to sailing.

For further information as to Passage or
Freight, apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
General Agents,
Hongkong, January 19, 1897. 142

Mails.

Occidental & Oriental Steam-
ship Company.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS
TO JAPAN, THE UNITED
STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND
SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE,
VIA

THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS,
AND
ATLANTIC & OTHER CONNECTING
STEAMERS.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND
HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
Relief (via Shanghai),
Nagasaki, Kobe,
Inland Sea, Yoko-
hama and H'ululu
Coptic (via Shanghai,
Nagasaki, Kobe,
Inland Sea, Yoko-
hama and H'ululu)

THURSDAY, Feb. 4,
at noon.

TUESDAY, Feb. 23,
at noon.

SATURDAY, March 13,
at noon.

THE Steamship BELGIO will be
despatched for SAN FRANCISCO,
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBÉ,
INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONO-
LULU, on THURSDAY, the 4th February,
at Noon.

Steamers of this line pass through the
INLAND SEA OF JAPAN and call at
HONOLULU, and passengers are allowed to
break their journey at any point en route.

Through Passengers Tickets granted to
England, France, and Germany by all trans-
Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal
cities of the United States or Canada.
Rates and particulars of the various routes
may be obtained upon application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to
Missionaries, members of the Naval,
Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services,
to European officials in service of China
and Japan, and to Government officials and
their families.

Passengers who have paid full fare, re-
embarking at San Francisco for China or
Japan (or vice versa) within one year, will
be allowed a discount of 10 per cent. This
discount does not apply to through fares
from China and Japan to Europe.

All Parcel Packages should be marked to
address in full; and same will be received
at the Company's Office until 5 p.m. the
day previous to sailing.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo
destined to points beyond San Francisco,
in the United States, should be sent to the
Company's Office, addressed to the Col-
lector of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight
or Passage, apply to the Agency of the
Company, No. 1, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN,
Agent.
Hongkong, January 16, 1897. 193

U. S. Mail Line.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP
COMPANY.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND
HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
Nagasaki, Kobe,
Inland Sea, Yoko-
hama and Honolulu
City of Tokio (via
Shanghai, N'aki,
Kobe, Inland Sea,
Yokohama and H'ululu)

SATURDAY, Feb. 13,
at noon.

TUESDAY, March 2,
at noon.

TUESDAY, March 23,
at noon.

Cargo will be received on board until 4
a.m. Space and Parcels until 3 p.m. on
the 2nd February. (Parcels are not to be
sent on board; they must be left at the
Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are re-
quired.

For further particulars, apply at the
Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.
Hongkong, January 20, 1897. 149

Mails.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.
NOTICE.

STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN,
SUÉZ, PORT SAID,
NAPLES, GENOA,
ANTWERP, BREMEN & HAMBURG,
PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK
SEA & BALTI PORTS;

ALSO,
LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON,
BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS,
GALVESTON & SOUTH AMERICAN
PORTS.

THE COMPANY'S STEAMERS WILL CALL
AT SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS
AND LUGGAGE.

N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills
of Lading for the principal places in
RUSSIA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
Prinz Heinrich [] Tuesday [] February 3.
Freussen [] Tuesday [] March 2.
Sachsen [] Tuesday [] March 30.
Prinz Heinrich [] Tuesday [] April 27.
Prinz Heinrich [] Tuesday [] May 25.

ON TUESDAY, the 2nd day of February,
1897, at 9 a.m., the Company's S.S.
PRINZ HEINRICH, Captain CURRERS,
with MAILES, PASSENGERS, SPOKE,
and CARGO, will leave this port as above,
calling at NAGASAKI and GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted till
Noon, on SATURDAY, the 30th Instant,
Cargo and Space will be received on
board until 5 p.m., on MONDAY, the 1st
February, and Parcels will be received (at
the Agency's Office) until Noon, on MONDAY,
the 1st February. Contents of Packages
are required. No Parcel Receipts will be
signed for less than \$2.50, and Parcels
should not exceed Two Feet Cubic in
measurement.

The Steamer has splendid Accommodation
and carries a Doctor and Stewardess.
Linen can be washed on board.

For further Particulars, apply to
MELOHERS & Co.,
Agents,
Hongkong, January 9, 1897. 64

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSEAGERIES
MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANÇAIS.

STEAM FOR
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,
COLOMBO, BOMBAY, ADEN,
EGYPT, MARSEILLES,
MEDITERRANEAN AND
BLACK SEA PORTS, LONDON,
HAVRE AND BORDEAUX,
ALSO

PORTS OF BRAZIL & RIVER PLATE.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 3rd February,
at Noon, the Company's Steamship
SYDNEY, Captain AUBERT, with
MAILES, PASSENGERS, SPOKE, and
CARGO, will leave this Port for MAR-
SEILLES, BOMBAY.

This Steamer connects at COLOMBO
with the s.s. *Polytechnique*, which vessel takes
on her Passengers and Mailes, leaving that
Port on the 14th Feb., direct to SUÉZ,
PORT SAID and MARSEILLES.

Cargo and Space will be registered for
London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted
in transit through Marseilles for the
principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted till
Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until 4
a.m. Space and Parcels until 3 p.m. on
the 2nd February. (Parcels are not to be
sent on board; they must be left at the
Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are re-
quired.

For further particulars, apply at the
Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.
Hongkong, January 20, 1897. 149

To Let.

TO LET.
NOS. 2 and 3, STEWART TERRACE
(THE PEAK).
Apply to
J. W. NOBLE.
Hongkong, August 28, 1896. 1748

TO LET.
5-ROOMED BUNGALOW 'RHEDA',
BONHAM ROAD.
Apply to
CHINA MERCHANTS' S. N. Co.,
No. 22, Praya West.
Hongkong, June 9, 1896. 1177

TO LET.
DRESSING HOUSES—
Nos. 2 and 4, RIFLES TERRACE.
'HARBOR' & 'MAGNETS' GAT.
'THE KENNELS,' at MAGNETS
GAT.
'RAVENHILL' East and West.
GODOWNS IN BUCK BUILDINGS,
No. 2, CHANCEWAY LANE.
Apply to
THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST-
MENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.
Hongkong, January 23, 1897. 2185

TO LET.
LARKSPUR, UPPER RICHMOND ROAD,
7 ROOMS, TENNIS COURT, COACH-
HOUSE and STABLES.
Apply at House.
Hongkong, January 8, 1897. 59

TO LET.
DLEWILL, SEYMOUR ROAD,
WESTBOURNE VILLAGE, BONHAM
ROAD.
Apply to
LINDSEY & DAVIS.
Hongkong, December 1, 1896. 8414

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CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY'S
ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE.

1897. 1897.

THE FAST ROUTE BETWEEN CHINA, JAPAN AND EUROPE,
VIA CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES.
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SAFETY—SPEED—PUNCTUALITY.
Twin Screw Steamships—5,000 Tons—10,000 Horse power—Speed 19 knots.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
EMPRESS OF INDIA, Comdr. C. P. MASSIE, R.N.R., WEDNESDAY, 17th Feb. '97.
EMPRESS OF JAPAN, Comdr. H. PETER, R.N.R., WEDNESDAY, 17th Mar. '97.
EMPRESS OF CHINA, Comdr. R. ARBUHARD, R.N.R., WEDNESDAY, 7th April '97.

G. B. Aestin
 W. Ehrhardt
 A. Farrell
 E. Foster
 J. G. Glaube
 L. Gravit
 E. G. Heath
 P. C. Hansen
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 Mrs E. Wells

